

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Su Valley School Library & Technology Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$7,500****House District: 15 / H**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

School Library/Technology Upgrades

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$7,500***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

These funds are needed to replace and repair damaged books(the school was lost to a fire 2007)and purchase new titles so that students have adequate research and literary materials for their education. In addition these funds are also needed to ensure that students have access to working and updated computers and technology for research and other educational purposes. Books have become worn and new titles are being printed and the library needs replace and expand its book collection. Likewise, as computer and electronics technologies are advancing current systems require upgrades and replacements to provide students the access to electronic databases and resources that they need for their education. As more and more information becomes available in electronic digital format it becomes increasingly important to educate students how to access and utilize these resources.

Today, this [school library] mission focuses on offering programs and services that are centered on information literacy and that are designed around active, authentic student learning as described in the information literacy standards for student learning. The goals of today's library media program point to the development of a community of learners that is centered on the student and sustained by a creative, energetic library media program.

--Information Power: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs (1988), p.1

Students and staff must have access to a wide range of resources in all formats. These resources must provide current and appropriate information representing diverse viewpoints to satisfy educational needs and interests, and match individual learning styles. These funds will provide new materials, both print and non-print, to replace those which are outdated or were lost as a result of a fire at the school in 2007. As our school is in a remote area, it is imperative that we continue to upgrade our access to electronic information and resources, thereby ensuring that our students will have the same educational opportunities available to them as those students who reside in metropolitan areas.

**Project Timeline:**

FY10

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Su Valley Jr./Sr. High School

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

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Rob Picou, Principal

Dear Representative Neuman:

First, thank you for all that you do for the students and families of the Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School community. Your visit to the government class was one of those events that kids remember when reflecting on their years spent in high school. We are requesting the attached Legislative appropriations to facilitate the rebuilding of our library. As you are aware, the Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School was destroyed in a fire. In the rebuilding process, there are many items that we need to replace that will more than likely not be replaced due to funding. There is just so much that gets collected in a school that can never be replaced in a catastrophe such as memories, but also items that people are only now realizing that we lost.

As always, we really do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School community. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Rob Picou  
Principal